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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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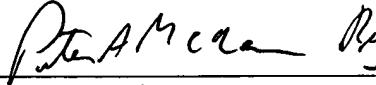
request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

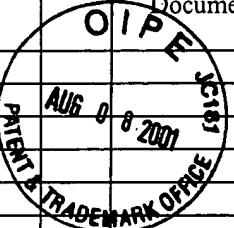
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	11-103386	04/13/99	JP	H04N	1/387	
	11-91189	04/06/99	JP	B41J	21/00	
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
	Patent Abstract of Japan 11-103386, 04/13/99					
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